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FOR: SIGNAL SEPARATION METHOD, SIGNAL SEPARATION DEVICE,  
SIGNAL SEPARATION PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

**LETTER**

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Sir:

On June 17, 2005, we filed an Information Disclosure Statement and an International Search Report citing reference by Shoko ARAKI, et al., "Jikan Shuhasu Masking to ICA no Heiyo ni yoru Ongensu > Microphone-su no Baai no Blind Ongen Bunri", The Acoustical Society of Japan (ASJ)2003 Nen Shuki Kenkyu Happyokai Koen Ronbunshu -I-, 1-P-5, pages 587 to 588, September 17, 2003. Submitted herewith are the English Translation of the Introduction and a Japanese Office Action (with English Translation) for the Examiner's consideration. The references cited therein have been previously filed on June 17, 2005.

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